

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated January 21, 2009 regarding the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1-32 are pending and under a restriction requirement.

Applicants hereby elect Group IV, corresponding to claims 24-32, without traverse. Applicants note that the Examiner has asserted claims 1, 15, 20, and 24 to be generic. Applicants assert that when a generic claim is subsequently found to be allowable, consideration of a reasonable number of additional species is proper. (MPEP 809.02(c)). Upon allowance of a generic claim, full consideration of all withdrawn claims to non-elected species embraced by the generic claim is respectfully requested.

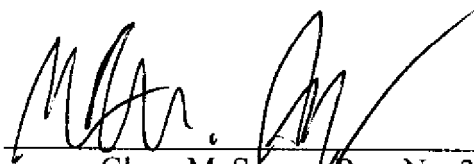
As a result of this election, claims 1-23 have been withdrawn from consideration, with claims 24-32 remaining under consideration. Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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